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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 19, 2002 please enter the following  
amendments and consider the following remarks.

A three-month extension of time is due in the present case. The commissioner has been  
previously authorized to charge deposit account 01-0025 in the Form SB/17 filed with the  
present application.

AMENDMENTSIn the Abstract

Please replace the abstract with the following description:

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An improved method of amplifying nucleic acids comprising the use of four discrete  
temperature steps in a thermocyclic amplification reaction, as well as, a method of  
detecting large nucleic acid insertions or deletions such as those that occur from gene  
duplication or deletion.

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